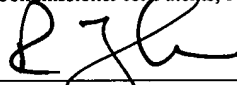




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In response to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2005, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections. Applicants note that this response is submitted within two months of the mailing date of the final office action. This response is submitted on September 6, 2005. Applicants note that September 5, 2005 was Labor Day and that September 6, 2005 was the first business day following

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